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TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

REF: A. USUN 5654

B. STATE 290453 AND PREVIOUS

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1. INTRODUCTION. AS WITH DRAFT DISCUSSED REF B, MOST

CRITICAL OBJECTION TO PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION IS 0.7 PERCENT TARGET, AND DELEGATION MAY DRAW ON REF B FOR APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE. AS PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION IS FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION 3489 (XXX), WHICH WE VOTED AGAINST BECAUSE OF FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO NIEO AND CERDS AND ITS ENDORSEMENT OF THE 0.7 PERCENT TARGET, AND BECAUSE IT FOCUSES ON THE TARGET AND ON SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR OBTAINING THE TARGET, WE SEE LITTLE HOPE OF ARRIVING AT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. INDEED, THIS DRAFT GOES CONSIDERABLY BEYOND THE OCTOBER TDB RESOLUTION IN SPECIFYING METHODS OF ODA INCREASES WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY LIMIT LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION OF AID LEVELS AND HENCE INFRINGE, AT LEAST POTENTIALLY, ON CONSTITUTIONAL REQUISITES. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR A MORE GENERAL RESOLUTION WHICH REFERS TO THE TDB'S DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AND ENDORSES ITS CALL IN PARA 1(B) OF THE RESOLUTION IT ADOPTED THAT "...DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING NEW AND ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR INCREASING CONCESSIONAL FLOWS..."

2. IF PHILIPPINES INSIST ON PRESSING THIS DRAFT, YOU SHOULD SEEK THE CHANGES INDICATED BELOW. WHILE WE DO NOT SEEK CONFRONTATION, UNLESS INDICATED CHANGES ARE MADE, WE-AND THE OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS-WILL HAVE TO MAKE EXTENSIVE RESERVATIONS OR MORE LIKELY, WE WILL VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AS WAS THE CASE WITH 3489.

3. SPECIFIC COMMENTS. PREAMBLE, PARA 3: SEEK TO LIMIT THIS PARA TO READ "DISTURBED OVER THE ADEQUACY OF THE FLOW OF ODA DURING THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT DECADE". THE .33 PERCENT FIGURE IS MISLEADING AS AN INDICATOR OF "STAGNATION" (ALTHOUGH CORRECT AS AN AVERAGE FIGURE IT OBSCURES INCREASE FROM .33 PERCENT TO .36 PERCENT FROM 1974 TO 1975) AND THE DISCUSSION IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF THE 0.7 TARGET.

4. PREAMBLE, PARA 5: SEEK TO LIMIT PARA TO READ "NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE HAS BECOME MORE URGENT." WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE IMPLICATION IN THE REMAINDER OF THE PARA THAT THE INCREASED URGENCY IS THE RESULT ONLY OF THE FACTORS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LISTED.

5. RE PREAMBLE, PARA 6 AND OPERATIVE PARA 1: ALTHOUGH WE VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 3489 (XXX) (VOTE WAS 112-1(US)-14) WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE REFERENCES IN THESE PARAGRAPHS. HOWEVER, OUR AGREEMENT TO NOTE THE REPORT (A/31/186) PRESENTED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 3489 IN NO WAY IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THAT

REPORT, MANY OF WHICH OVERSTATE THE CASE FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LDC'S.

6. RE OPERATIVE PARA 2: SEE REF B, PARA 9.

7. RE OPERATIVE PARA 3: SEEK TO LIMIT THIS PARA TO READ "URGES GOVERNMENTS OF DONOR COUNTRIES TO ACCELERATE THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON A PREDICTABLE, CONTINUOUS AND INCREASINGLY ASSURED BASIS". E CANNOT ACCEPT REFERENCE TO ANY SPECIFIC METHODS OF ODA INCREMENT. IN OUR VIEW, THIS IS PROPERLY A MATTER FOR DONOR COUNTRIES TO DECIDE, IN KEEPING WITH THEIR OWN CONSTITUTIONAL AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES.

8. RE OPERATIVE PARA 4: WE CANNOT ACCEPT THIS PARAGRAPH WHICH, AS IN PARA 3, CITES A SPECIFIC METHOD FOR INCREASING ODA.

9. RE OPERATIVE PARA 5: WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE DRAFT LANGUAGE WHICH IMPLIES THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROMOTING INCREASED FLOWS OF PRIVATE CAPITAL LIES ENTIRELY WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SEEK TO LIMIT THIS PARA TO READ "RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT POLICIES BE DEVELOPED TO PROMOTE INCREASED FLOWS OF PRIVATE CAPITAL TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE EXAMINATION OF GOVERNMENTAL RULES AND RESOLUTIONS ON ACCESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PRIVATE MONEY AND CAPITAL MARKETS."

10. WHILE OUR EVALUATION OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION IS EXTREMELY NEGATIVE, AS IS OUR ESTIMATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE, PRIOR TO SUPPLYING GUIDANCE ON FINAL ACTION, WE WILL NEED THE FINAL LANGUAGE AND YOUR EVALUATION OF WHICH COUNTRIES WOULD BE PREPARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO JOIN IN EITHER VOTING NO OR ABSTAINING. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE A STRONG STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION. ROBINSON

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